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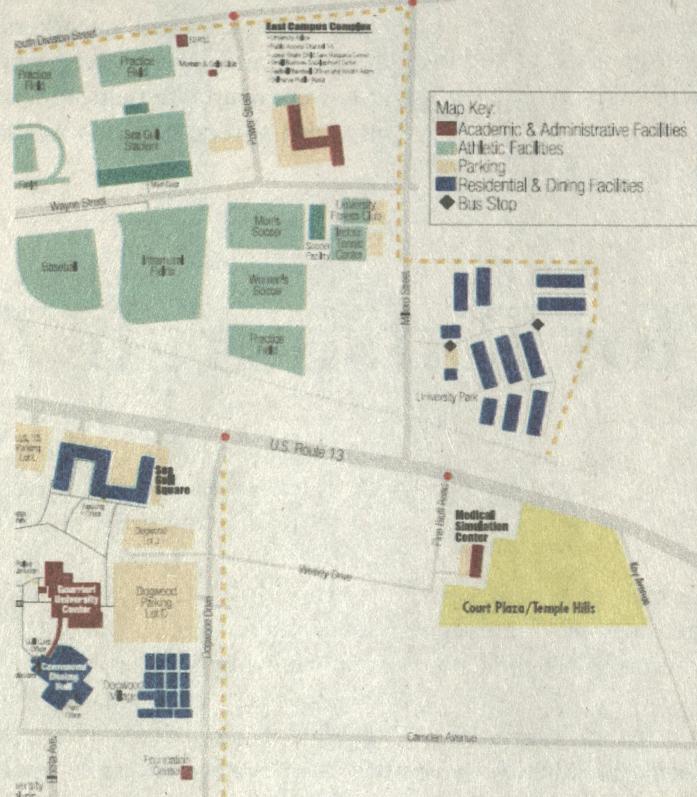
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SU allocates \$6 million toward parking and housing

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SU's campus will soon extend southward with
redevelopment of the Court Plaza property (yellow).
/ Salisbury University graphic

CAMPUS EXPANSION – Students can look forward to more parking spaces, new residential halls and on-campus retailers starting in the spring of 2019.

The Salisbury University Foundation Inc. has been in the final stages of officiating a redevelopment agreement involving the Temple Hill-Court Plaza properties since Oct. 17.

The multimillion-dollar purchase will allow space for new student housing, parking spaces and commercial services at Salisbury University.

The Executive Director of the SU Foundation Jason Curtin said the foundation is in the process of completing a pre-development draft.

Curtin is optimistic about the opportunities the new development will bring to the university.

"We think students and the local community will benefit," Curtin said. "Being more open, having more retail, people having easier parking. I think that anything we do, students are always the first and foremost thing in our mind."

The 8.6-acre site includes over 375,000 square feet, a corner lot, more than 500 linear feet of frontage along Route 13 and easy access to multiple roads. SU purchased the development from Delcon International for \$6 million last year.

The space will be renovated into an on-campus building for multiple uses similar to Sea Gull Square. The new space will create room for over 750 beds, in the style of

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Former Pres. Dudley-Eshbach honored with center dedication



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CAMPUS – In her 18-year tenure at Salisbury University, former President Dr. Janet Dudley-Eshbach left a legacy of contributions to the school, with a number of them centering around her passion for international education.

It was because of this passion that the senior leadership of the university chose to rename the Center for International Education in Dudley-Eshbach's honor.

Her time spent at the university consisted of many initiatives to grow and improve the programs offered for both international students who wish to come to SU, and SU students who aim to study abroad.

The Center for International Education was created in 2007, and today, nearly 12 years later, the Center for International Education is divided into three offices: the Office of Study Abroad, the International Student and Scholar Services Office and the English Language Institute.

The former president showed passion toward the possibility of world travel and she made it one of her goals to make it a possibility for more students at SU.

"Creating a campus community in which SU students would travel and study all over the world was a central mission of my presidency, as was increasing the number

of international students in our classrooms and providing more opportunities for the global engagement of our faculty," Dudley-Eshbach said. "Global perspectives and internationalization have enhanced not only the worldview of SU students, but also have helped promote the reputation of SU well beyond our immediate geographic region."

Assistant Provost for International Education Dr. Brian Stiegler is currently in Anqing in the province of Anhui in China pursuing a project first initiated by Dudley-Eshbach, of sustaining relationships with the partners of the university in other countries.

Stiegler believes Dudley-Eshbach's worldly knowledge aided in her growing the department of international education at SU.

"One of the features of Dr. Janet's presidency was that as a professor of Spanish herself, with her doctoral degree from El Colegio de México that she earned studying in Spanish, she saw the world globally, she saw the university globally and so her strategic investments in international education over the 18 years of her presidency were substantive," Steigler said.

In Dudley-Eshbach's time at the university, there were many positive changes made, including a greater focus on international recruitment. This semester, more than 170

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SU Shred Day pays it forward

SAMANTHA SELTZER
/ Staff writer

CAMPUS – Say goodbye to old papers and help the community of Salisbury at the same time.

Students, staff and faculty of Salisbury University had the opportunity to help the community in more ways than one thanks to their Shred Day event.

Student United Way and Salisbury's Student Government Association coordinated SU Shred Day. The opportunity gave students and faculty the chance to have their documents securely destroyed at \$1 per pound on Oct. 27.

Volunteers gathered the materials from members of the university and offered curbside pickup. Golf carts took community members from their cars to retrieve their boxes and back to the square from noon to 4 p.m.

The event benefited the United Way of

the Lower Eastern Shore, which is a local, independent non-profit organization focusing on improving the lives of people in need.

Spanning Wicomico, Worcester, Somerset and Dorchester Counties, the organization provides support for 80 different local programs, with a special focus on education, financial stability and health.

Student United Way Representatives Chris Clift and Phillip Peerman wanted to create an event which would help the environment while offering a useful service to students, teachers and faculty.

"We partnered with United Way of the Lower Eastern Shore, and we are collecting documents to shred for a dollar a pound," Peerman said.

Clift continued, "Any confidential documents they no longer need, [shredded] completely securely."

All donations will go back to the local United Way, which will help out one in three families.

United Way partnered with Lower Shore Enterprises, a documentation destruction service, for Shred Day.

Students were encouraged to bring as many materials as possible. The event also led to a competition between on-campus organizations.

Director of Sustainability for SGA Jessica Hennen found that Shred Day and Recycle Madness "encourages organizations to come and collect and makes the community unite."

In total, 146 pounds of shredded paper were collected for United Way. The shredded paper will be sent to Delmarva Recycling Center to be recycled.

To manage all the paper, LSE brought a truck into Red Square that had the ability to shred papers on site.

National Association for Information Destruction-certified workers Jocelyn Aydelotte and Jason Davis, who are with LSE, were nearby to help students and faculty with shredding. This means they are

trained to securely destroy confidential documents.

Jenna Bowne believes that people should shred their papers.

"You get the assuredness that when you get rid of a document, it is going to be handled properly," Bowne said.

SU Shred Day is more than just a method to get rid of paper securely. The recycled amount will help the community.

LSE is able to provide opportunities such as "paid employment especially to people with disabilities and services a lot of different commercial and residential customers like hospital and companies that do taxes."

LSE has worked with Salisbury University on Shred Day for the past three seasons.

The company is also running a promotion where new accounts will get one full year of no minimum shredding. ■

SU shows support for Pittsburgh Tree of Life

HANNAH HYAT and GILLIAN VANDITTA
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CAMPUS – Salisbury University offered the opportunity for students, staff and faculty to pay their respects to the victims involved in the Tree of Life Synagogue massacre on Nov. 4.

The Hillel Club partnered with SU to create a candlelight vigil in remembrance of the 11 innocent lives which were taken on Oct. 27, 2018.

President of the Hillel Club Rebecca Flax directed the affair with a sympathetic and strong goal in mind.

"We wanted to stand up and say we aren't going to take this anymore. We wanted to show solidarity and support," Flax said.

President Wight was in attendance, who found the event to be an important learning experience as well as an honorable gesture to remember the innocent lives lost due to hate.

"I'm grateful to the students of Hillel and to Dr. Maarten Pereboom, dean of our Fulton School of Liberal Arts, for organizing the vigil on Sunday evening," Wight said. "It is important for all of us to remember the victims of this attack and to come together in peace to prevent anything like this from happening again."

46-year-old Robert Bowers walked into the Pittsburgh synagogue armed with an AR-15-style assault rifle and at least three handguns on the morning of Oct. 27.

The killer shouted anti-Semitic slurs as he opened fire inside the religious building during the morning Sabbath service.

as he left the court in shackles.

The Tree of Life shooting is defined as the deadliest anti-Semitic crime to be committed on U.S. soil in history.

The Hillel Club and the university staff worked together on a vigil worthy of memorializing the victims.

The partnering organizations worked together to assemble sound systems, electric candles, speeches and a meeting place in Red Square to host the vigil.

Many of those who were in attendance are Jewish students at Salisbury University.

Sophomore Jordana Oman has been attending synagogue services for as long as she can remember. The fact that the shooting took place in a setting which is sacred and routine to her family came as a major shock.

"I've been attending services just like

that since I was born," Oman said. "The fact this happened isn't just shocking — but it makes me feel unsafe."

Hillel Club member Sophie Lipman found the stories of those who survived the shooting to be stimulating.

"I read a piece about the Holocaust survivor who almost died in the shooting tonight. It meant a lot to me to share his story since my grandfather also is a Holocaust survivor," Lipman said.

The university also allowed students, staff and faculty to learn more about hate crimes in a discussion following the day after the vigil.

The community was welcomed to come show its support of the Pittsburgh Tree of Life Congregation in an Anti-Semitism: Past and Present discussion panel held Nov. 5. ■



/ Gillian Vindetta image

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students joined the SU community from about 30 different countries.

Another notable contribution Dudley-Eshbach made to the university was the English Language Institute established in 2010.

"It has served over a thousand students and 125 different students have completed the English Language Institute and moved on to independent study in the undergraduate program at Salisbury," Stiegler said. "It's the single greatest source for international students on our campus."

Dudley-Eshbach is also responsible for creating the Dudley-Eshbach Study Abroad Scholarship, a \$1,000 scholarship given to support a student who wants to study abroad in a Spanish-speaking country in Latin America.

Dudley-Eshbach's contributions to the Center for International Education

reached beyond the students and faculty in the department of international studies, for Dr. John Wesley Wright of the music department at SU explained that Dudley-Eshbach's efforts helped to unify the school.

"I think that that's one of her gifts, doing everything that she could to connect the dots, or to inspire people to connect the dots. She helped the school to connect the dots of innovation and diversity," Wright said.

Wright emphasized that Dudley-Eshbach had a commitment to "really raise the level in each department and see the elevation of expertise." He revealed the main ways in which her contributions reached the music department was through various guest artists and residents which she had supported having, including guest artists from China and Germany.

When Dudley-Eshbach announced that she was going to depart, the senior leadership of the university, with the consideration of current President Dr. Charles

Wright, was looking for a way to memorialize her efforts over the length of her presidency, which Stiegler said was "a substantive and transformative time for our university."

Because of her commitment to internationalization, the senior leadership of the university headed by Wright decided to name the Center for International Education in Dudley-Eshbach's honor.

Stiegler has high hopes for the future of international studies at SU and gives the credit of its success to Dudley-Eshbach's investments in the program.

"Places like the Janet Dudley-Eshbach Center for International Education, what they do for students — both American students who are interested in getting to know the world outside of their boundaries and for foreign students and faculty who share the same impetus — is the support that allows people to move across borders and open people's eyes to the rest of the world," Stiegler said.

"She took a very specific interest in the international education, both coming to Salisbury and going out of Salisbury University. And for those many, many things that she did, we decided to honor her by renaming the center," Wright said.

The center is currently involved in

new partnerships in China, as well as a major new initiative in Colombia that will strengthen the teaching English to speakers of other languages program as well as the conflict analysis and dispute resolution program.

Stiegler detailed what led him to run for office in 2014 by explaining the frustration he had felt after seeing a Gallup poll which reported that half of all Marylanders wanted to leave the state.

"That was the straw that broke the camel's back for me; it broke my heart as

Midterms 2018 update: Gov. Hogan campaigns the Eastern Shore

NATE SANSON / Staff writer

ELECTION 2018 – With Maryland's future at stake in the most recent midterm election, Governor Larry Hogan held a campaign event in Fruitland, Md.

With the general election fast approaching, Salisbury Sea Gulls had the opportunity to learn about the candidates running for office online.

Hogan was greeted by a packed house at Black Diamond Lodge as he rallied the crowd for his reelection while advocating for Delegate Mary Beth Carozza's bid for the state senate in District 38.

The event was attended by local dignitaries, including many members of the Eastern Shore Delegation.

Congressman Andy Harris was seen shaking hands and speaking with members of the crowd while campaigning for his own reelection. Also in attendance were students from Salisbury University's College Republican Club.

The first to take the stage was Delegate Carl Anderton, who energized the crowd by encouraging those in attendance to vote for Hogan on Election Day.

"Anytime we've needed anything for Wicomico County, the Lower Shore, or the Eastern Shore — as a whole — he's been there 100 percent," Anderton said.

Anderton added, "I want to thank him, I love him like a brother, he's never let me down, he won't let none of us down."

Carozza welcomed the governor with a resounding chant of "Four more years."

Carozza spoke of Hogan's accomplishments, which include bringing jobs to the Eastern Shore of Maryland and promoting local solutions to problems. Carozza characterized Hogan as a governor who fights for Maryland's Eastern Shore.

After publicizing Hogan's accomplishments, Carozza noted that he needs more friends in the state senate. She said she had been encouraged over the past two years to become a "stronger voice for the Shore" by running for Senate District 38.

Hogan spoke of how he has known Carozza for a long time and has followed her career at the Pentagon and has seen her work in former Governor Bob Ehrlich's administration.

"I'm here to tell you tonight that the Shore needs another new state senator, and her name is Mary Beth Carozza, so let's get out there and make that happen."

"I was hoping some other sucker would step up, quite frankly, and I couldn't find anybody, so I decided to do it myself," Hogan joked.

Chronicling the history of his non-partisan group, Change Maryland, Hogan described how he brought together individuals of all backgrounds from across the state.

"I believed that we could bring together Republicans and Democrats and Independents — all of whom believed in the same thing — that we needed to grow our private sector, put more people to work and turn our economy around."

Hogan concluded by reaffirming his commitment to keep moving the state for-



/ Governor's Office image

a lifelong Marylander that loves the state. It also made me mad, and I said, 'Someone has to do something about this, we have to put Maryland on a new and better path, we can't keep going in this direction.'

SU College Republicans President Erik Voss spoke of why he felt this event was important to Salisbury students.

"Governor Hogan, being a Republican governor in a heavily blue state, deserves our support and respect for the great job he has done under the partisan conditions that he has had to work under," Voss said. "I thought it was important that the College Republicans show up to support our great governor."

Salisbury's Institute for Public Affairs and Civic Engagement organization offered resources to help students find how and where to vote.

The general election took place on Nov. 6. ■

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suites and apartments.

"We have all kinds of different renderings that we've seen, but you know, some restaurants, some more outdoor seating," Curtin said. "You just feel like that's a place that we want to go to, but at the same time, making it that students live there as well."

Curtin added the complex will include 15,000 square feet which retailers will be able to occupy.

"There are national retail owners that are interested in being there," Curtin said. "So whether it's from food to coffee shops to this or that, like, people want to be at

these newer destinations."

Along with an estimate of 400 new parking spaces, the new building will incorporate benefits such as accessibility and defining the south entrance of the university.

"Sea Gull Square was done in a way that didn't have a lot of parking, and it was hard for people and the community to come see the different businesses," Curtin said. "And we're working with the city to just improve Wesley Drive so students don't have to cross [Route] 13. They can just come right up through Wesley Drive and boom, they're right here on campus."

The foundation has been collaborating with the consulting firm Margrave Strategies of Columbia, Md.

bant was very excited about the purchase and the opportunities to come after reading the official press release.

"I knew the area would, like, obviously bring some new building, but after hearing about the new parking spaces and walkway, I was so happy," Brabant said. "I'm in UP too, so I was literally like, 'Finally! An easier way to get on campus!'"

Initial planning sets the reconstruction to start in the spring of 2019. Student housing is expected to open in time for the fall 2022 academic year. ■

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Margrave Strategies has provided

planning and economic development services to institutions such as the University of Maryland, College Park and Towson University.

The partnership has been working to create an urban-like feel at Salisbury University and believes this new building will be a step in the right direction.

"They've helped develop similar concepts at both Towson and College Park, so they understand the student urban feel," Curtin said. "Even though Salisbury is not like that, with we'd like to have a place where students can easily get to, not have to drive, but also blend the being able to access it by foot and also by car."

University Park resident Kasey Bra-

Boba tea makes its mark in Salisbury

BENJAMIN LAW / Staff writer

SALISBURY, Md. — In the mood to mix up your beverage game? It's your lucky day, because a new boba tea place has come to Salisbury.

Salisbury Boba first opened its doors to customers Aug. 7, 2018. It is open Monday through Saturday from 12 p.m. to 9 p.m. and Sundays 12 p.m. to 8 p.m. It is located in the Clairmont Shopping Center along with other restaurants The Irish Penny Pub & Grill, Chipotle Mexican Grill, Little Caesars and Subway.

Salisbury Boba owner Andy Hang first thought of the idea of opening a business in Salisbury when he came earlier in March this year from California to visit his brother and sister who own other businesses in Salisbury.

Usually boba or bubble tea can be found as another drink people can choose to order at Asian restaurants, but the last five years in California has shown an increase in the popularity of places solely selling boba. Hang wanted to bring the boba tea craze to Salisbury.

There are different levels of sweetness a customer can choose from, which helps with anyone trying to watch their health or diet to still be able to enjoy themselves.

There is also a variety of other toppings besides boba to choose from, such as aloe vera, coffee jelly and lychee jelly.

Senior Grace Kim has tried bubble tea before at Manna Korean Cuisine. Her favorite is either milk tea or green tea with tapioca jelly. Even though Kim has not tried Salisbury Boba out yet, she is open to trying it out. Kim has received positive reviews of it from friends.

"A lot of my friends have been there and they said they really like it," Kim said. "If I ever go in that direction I'll try it."

Customers can choose between earl grey or jasmine tea, fruit-flavored teas, milk teas, slushies, frappes and smoothies. They also have the option of adding in toppings.

Hang replaced the traditional lids of the cups with plastic from sealing machines, which reduces the amount of plastic used. Hang is also open to replacing plastic boba straws with paper ones if they become more available to the boba business. Hang has given free drink vouchers out at community outreach events and is pleased to see how many people new to boba enjoy it.

"I use it as an opportunity to allow them to try drinks they never tried before," Hang said.

One of the things that Hang has found most shocking since opening his business



SU students Taylor Smith and D'Shon McCarthy work to finish their mural in Salisbury Boba. / Benjamin Law image

is how the older demographic of people react to the drinks.

"The elderly generation are very receptive," Hang said. "They have been repeat customers."

Hang believes that his restaurant is a great place for socializing, studying and doing homework.

"I wanted my business here near SU to be part of the community," Hang said.

He has had very high interest in applications and hired Salisbury students to help them combat the costs of college. Also, he plans to continue to hire SU students as well as high school students.

Hang is always intrigued whenever a customer asks for a unique flavor combination like green apple and kiwi.

When asked about what his favorite thing about his job is, the customers are at the top.

"The priceless reactions from all my customers that come into this place," Hang said. "It makes everything perfect."

Wor-Wic Community College sophomore Amina Alaraki does not understand why people get so excited about bubble tea. She thinks people can just make tea at home for a lot cheaper, but she has admitted that she has not tried the tea at Salisbury Boba.

"When you walk into a restaurant, you should feel atmosphere," McCarthy said.

After her visit to the restaurant, she went home and drew on a sketchpad. McCarthy had painted murals in the past, so she decided to ask Hang if she could paint a mural on the wall. "It was just random," McCarthy said.

Prior to McCarthy asking to paint, Hang was already looking for someone to paint a mural. Ultimately, Hang decided to hire McCarthy to do the job.

Later, McCarthy asked a friend to help her with the mural.

The friend was working on the mural for community service hours. As time went by, they wanted to become the boss and eventually left, according to McCarthy.

Students can get 10% off their purchase if they show their student ID, but students are not the only ones who get to benefit. Firefighters, law enforcement, military and senior citizens are also eligible for a 10% discount.

There is an aspect to this tea shop that makes it pop, which is a mural that can be directly linked to SU freshman D'Shon McCarthy. McCarthy is double majoring in business management and fine arts.

McCarthy's process for creation involves drawing everything out first, finding space with lines in a freestyle from. She describes her style as trial and error.

Her experience in art stems back to high school where she took many high school classes, so when it came time for her deciding on a major in college, she knew she wanted to study art. Her reasoning for double majoring in business management is due to her parents wanting her to have a stable career.

Once the mural is completed, fixative will be applied to protect it. Hang has plans for the mural to continue on the wall across from it, and McCarthy expects the mural to be completed by the middle of November, if not earlier.

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11 killed in synagogue tragedy



A temporary mourning area honors the lives of those killed in the massacre. / The Hill image

before storming into the Tree of Life Synagogue and opening fire on the worshippers, who were exercising their right to religious freedom.

Bowers has been indicted on 44 counts, including federal hate crime and 11 murder charges. These charges carry a maximum penalty of death, according to USA Today.

President Trump has expressed support for Scott Brady, the U.S. attorney for the Western District of Pennsylvania, to pursue the death penalty for Bowers.

Bowers is being held without bail, and the hearing of his case will come before a federal grand jury within the month, said Brady.

Unfortunately, hate crimes like the one that took place in the Tree of Life congregation are seen too often in society.

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What is eco-anxiety and why it's becoming a problem

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ENVIRONMENT — The recent report from the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change released on Oct. 8 described the terrifying reality our world will face if environmental changes aren't made quickly and efficiently.

This report sparked concern and anxiety from many, who took to social networks like Twitter and Facebook to ask the important question: What can we do to stop this?

Overall acceptance of climate change and its irreversible effects is increasing in the United States as the intensity and frequency of natural disasters are becoming more prominent.

In addition to the physical changes to our planet, climate change is also negatively impacting the mental state of individuals, with psychologists deeming it "eco-anxiety."

According to psychologist Honey Langcaster-James, eco-anxiety is defined as the "the state of heightened anxiety some people experience relating to climate change."

A report titled "Mental Health and our Changing Climate" by the American Psychological Association, Climate for Health and EcoAmerica describes how eco-anxiety can affect a wide range of people differently.

There are two main groups of people who experience eco-anxiety.

One group includes those who worry about impending natural disasters, or who have lived through a natural disaster and are dealing with the stress of the aftermath. The second group of people includes those who experience anxiety about the future of our planet and the seriousness of climate change.

Those of us who are not directly impacted by the effects of climate change or natural disasters are often plagued with guilt over the irreversible damage we are doing to the planet and lack of action being taken.

These people can be "deeply affected by feelings of loss, helplessness, and frustration due to their inability



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to feel like they are making a difference in stopping climate change," according to the APA report.

Dr. Ryan Alan Sporer, professor of sociology at Salisbury University, believes that eco-anxiety arises from a combination of sources that paint the future as a dystopia.

"The whole future looks bleak, especially for young people. When you get done with school and you have huge student debt and there's no jobs for you and then you add onto that cataclysmic things, it's just too much," said Sporer. "I think it paralyzes us into a sense of fatalism, that nothing can be done."

But Sporer is hopeful that all is not lost. It's through interactions and conversations with others that we can demand the necessary changes to be

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A hate crime is a violent act which is motivated by religious, racial, sexual or other prejudice, and is usually fueled by ignorance. A report released in May 2018 by the Center for the Study of Hate and Extremism concluded that hate crimes increased by 12 percent since 2017.

An article found on everytownresearch.org reported, "In an average year, over 10,300 hate crimes involve a firearm—more than 28 each day. And reports indicate that hate crimes are on the rise. But in most of the United States, there is no law prohibiting people convicted of violent hate crimes from having guns."

It is also stated that 20 percent of these hate crimes are motivated by bias against a religion, most often anti-Islamic or anti-Semitic.

Hate crimes are sometimes considered misdemeanors, even if they are threatening or violent. If a person is convicted but is only given a misdemeanor for performing a hate crime, they are still allowed to buy and own a gun.

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Senior and public relations major at Salisbury University Chase Hancock-Grider feels very strongly when it comes to the United States' policy involving gun rights.

"You are our leaders, we turn to you. You are the models for our country," said Myers. "When you speak words of hate, when you speak ill of the other candidate, any words of hate, Americans listen to you. They get their instructions from you."

Myers adds that hate is not restricted to one political party, but is everywhere.

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"How we solve things is always a simple answer, and it begins with talking. Talking to people, talking to friends, asking a lot of questions, talking to people that are different from you," said Sporer. "And it's out of that talking that organizations can develop. And out of organizations, collective actions can happen to reverse larger structures."

Non-renewable resources, such as the coal and oil industry, coupled with mass deforestation are largely responsible for the increase in global temperatures.

President Trump, who has made it quite apparent that he does not believe global warming is caused by humans, let alone real, has vowed to increase the burning of coal. Trump has even said that he intends to withdraw from the Paris Agreement, whose sole purpose is to lower the amount of greenhouse gases in the atmosphere.

Abigail Bets, sophomore at SU, had the following to say about this decision: "I think that the U.S. pulling out of the Paris Agreement is incredibly scary because I feel like if we back out, then smaller countries will copy us. This agreement is possibly the only way for us to lower the effects of global warming, and we have to stick together."

The effects of climate change are unequally distributed around the world and have larger impacts on low-income individuals, people of color and indigenous peoples.

Climatic change is due to the systematic actions of governments and corporations and is not something that will be solved through individual actions like recycling or becoming vegan.

While these actions are helpful, Sporer insists that "we need to act not as consumers, but as citizens in a broader sense, as just being community members."

And we need to understand that "voting is not enough, and it never has been."

Netflix's "Chilling Adventures of Sabrina" serves a seasonal treat

MELISSA RESSE / Staff writer

Netflix's newest series "Chilling Adventures of Sabrina" may be a reboot of "Sabrina the Teenage Witch," but the only thing it seems to have in common with the original series is the characters of Sabrina, Hilda, Zelda, Harvey and Salem.

Roberto Aguirre-Sacasa, who also reinvented the story of "Riverdale" for The CW, wrote the graphic novel on which the show is based.

"In the town of Greendale, where it always feels like Halloween, there lived a girl who was half-witch, half-mortal, who, on her sixteenth birthday, would have to choose between two worlds: the witch world of her family and the human world of her friends ... and that girl is me," Sabrina Spellman begins the series in a voiceover.

Sabrina is faced with the inevitability of having to sign her name in the Book of the Beast during her dark baptism, essentially signing her freedom away to the Dark Lord. What Sabrina craves more than anything is both freedom and power, but the patriarchal system of the witch community will not allow such a thing, because men fear the threat of women in positions of power and authority.

Kiernan Shipka, who plays Sabrina Spellman, truly shines in this role, and gets to showcase her immense talent by illustrating Sabrina's dual witch and mortal nature. In the past, she played Betty Draper's daughter Sally on "Mad Men," but now that she is a grown actress, she can play more adult roles.

The series maintains its predecessor's theme of the importance of family. Sabrina relies heavily on her aunts Hilda and Zelda, but more so Hilda, because she is much more nurturing.

The humor of this show is much darker than its original. Where the humor of "Sabrina the Teenage Witch" was based on small familial dramatic moments, the humor of "Chilling Adventures of Sabrina" is based on allusions to classic horror films and critiques of the patriarchal structure of Baxter High and the Church of Night.

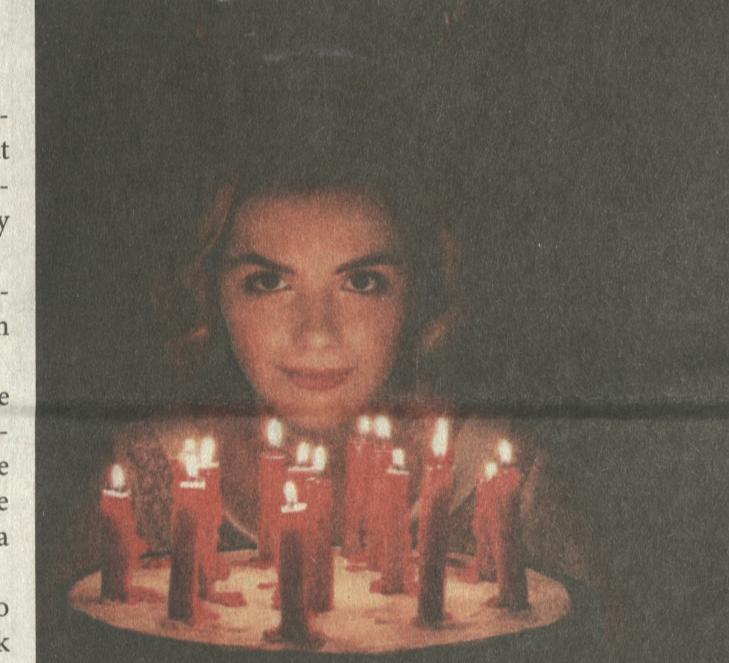
The series takes the darkness of witchcraft to the umpteenth level.

Not only does the series mainly take place in the darkness of night, but the show also expands upon the inherent darkness in people, thus making it feel more realistic, even though it is a show about witchcraft and magic.

In the original series and in the comics, Harvey Kinkle is a very naïve, clueless character. In this version of the story, he has a much more meaningful connection to Sabrina and is more of a feminist character with an interesting storyline. He battles between loving and distrusting Sabrina and has PTSD from his experience of seeing a demon in the mines and later being forced to work there by his ragging, belligerent alcoholic father.

Although the series retains the main characters of the original series, it also introduces the new characters Mary Wardwell/Madam Satan, Rosalind Walker, Susie Putnam, the Weird Sisters, Prudence, Agatha and Dorcas, as well as Ambrose Spellman, Father Faustus Blackwood and Nicholas Scratch.

One of the biggest mysteries of the show is the true motivation and nature of Sabrina's history teacher Mary Wardwell. At times, she seems to be aiding Sabrina, but it always seems that she is trying to thwart her plans.



Netflix image

"I know you're scared, Sabrina. Because all women are taught to fear power. Own it," Mary Wardwell tells her.

This show feels very inclusive with its representation of women, a nonbinary character who is portrayed by a nonbinary actor, people of color and PTSD. Sabrina and Rosalind also start a club called Women's Intersectional Cultural and Creative Association, a club about women protecting women, after Susie is assaulted by the boys on the football team who rip off her shirt to determine whether she is a boy or a girl.

Some Christian viewers may be off-put by the heavy amount of Satanic rituals and worship and religious zealotry in this series. Father Blackwood almost seems to be the leader of a cult, and Zelda is his most loyal servant and member of the Church of Night.

Sabrina's aunt Zelda is a true Satanic believer. She is often extremely, and unnecessarily, harsh with her and her sister Hilda, all in the name of worshipping the Dark Lord, Satan.

Viewers of the original series will be disappointed that Salem does not speak in the show. Only Sabrina can hear his voice.

However, the show does elaborate more on the connection a witch has to their familiar. All witches and warlocks have a familiar, a demon goblin that has transformed into the shape of an animal, whose voice only they are able to hear.

One of the most impressive parts of the show is the opening credits sequence in which the graphic novel is made into a thrilling animation for all horror and comic book fans.

This show has a high production value, and each shot is framed in an iconic and beautiful way. The sets, especially the Spellman household and the Academy of Unseen Arts, are elaborately and carefully decorated.

Overall, this series is a fascinating, intriguing and mysterious new take on the story of Sabrina Spellman. Sabrina's choice in the season one finale is sure to upset some viewers, so definitely stick with it.

The Flyer gives season one of "Chilling Adventures of Sabrina" an 8/10.

Trump administration moves to redefine gender

MELANIE RAIBLE / Staff writer

NATIONAL — The Trump administration is considering a new policy that would narrowly redefine "sex," affecting millions of adults who identify as a gender other than the one listed on their birth certificates.

According to a Department of Health and Human Services memorandum obtained by The New York Times, the administration is proposing that several government agencies redefine sex as "a person's status as male or female based on immutable biological traits identifiable by or before birth."

If adopted, the policy would not only undo everything the Obama administration had done to protect transgender people, but it would also virtually erase federal recognition for Americans who identify as a gender different than the one they were born with.

This proposal was drafted under the assumption that sex and gender is the same thing, which is not always the case. The biological parts on the human body often identify sex, while gender is something that has been socially constructed through our culture. Gender is most commonly seen through assigning the color pink for girls and blue for boys.

The memo goes on to say, "any dispute about one's sex would have to be clarified using genetic testing."

This hypothetical genetic testing would have to look at the chromosomes of the individual in question. But this testing neglects to understand the reality of intersex individuals who may have genitals or physical characteristics that do not match their chromosomal makeup.

Unfortunately, this isn't the first policy which targets the LGBTQ community. In fact, over the past two years, Trump's administration has tried to implement several policies that would negatively affect transgender people.

In 2017, Trump tried to reinstate a ban on trans people joining and openly serving in the military. His argument was based on the idea that "trans-related health care is expensive."

Thankfully, Trump's ban was disregarded by the courts, and as of right

now, trans people are still able to enlist and serve in the military.

Dr. Kara French, assistant professor of history at Salisbury University, feels very strongly against this memorandum.

"I think the proposed changes, if they are implemented, could be very negative for members of the LGBTQ community," she said. "There is potential not only to undo federal protections for transgender individuals, but also for lesbian, gay and bisexual people in education, housing and federal employment."

If the government were to implement this policy, it would alter all identity documents, including passports, driv-

er's licenses and other forms of required identification for transgender people. The documents would no longer accurately represent their bodies if they had undergone surgery or taken hormones.

If you are a Salisbury student who wants to voice your opinion, the time is now. "To students, I would say that for right now this is just a memo, not a policy, so there is still time to oppose it if they feel negatively about it. They should call their representatives in Congress and encourage them to oppose any policy change that would strip protections from LGBTQ people," said French. "While we in Maryland

"Halloween (2018)" movie is mediocre at best

SYLLIA NEWSTEAD / Staff writer

REVIEW — The new 2018 "Halloween" film is a continuation of Michael Myers' story after he first started killing people at the age of 6. Taking place 40 years after Laurie Strode first escaped his terror, Myers returns for another kill, but now Strode is ready to fight back.

"Halloween (2018)" was directed by David Gordon Green and was an initial success when it came out on Oct. 19. The box office shows that "Halloween" was ranked number one for about two weeks in a row since its release. And as of Oct. 30, this \$10 million movie had a total growth of \$132,338,410 domestically, totaling \$178,338,410.

This "Halloween (2018)" is the 11th of the film series. It was able to keep some of its original storylines from the very first movie back in 1978, with Myers killing babysitters and trying to kill his sister Strode and anybody who gets in his way of that. The time and location have also remained the same, with Myers escaping on Halloween and walking around the town trying to find a relative of his to kill.

Rotten Tomatoes gave "Halloween (2018)" a 79 percent with an average rating of 6.8/10. The Critics Consensus said, "Halloween largely wipes the slate clean after decades of disappointing sequels, ignoring elaborate mythology in favor of basic - yet still effective - ingredients."

But the audience is stuck wondering — would Myers really be killed? Myers has returned from the dead in all of the other films, but could this be the end of Myers and his story?

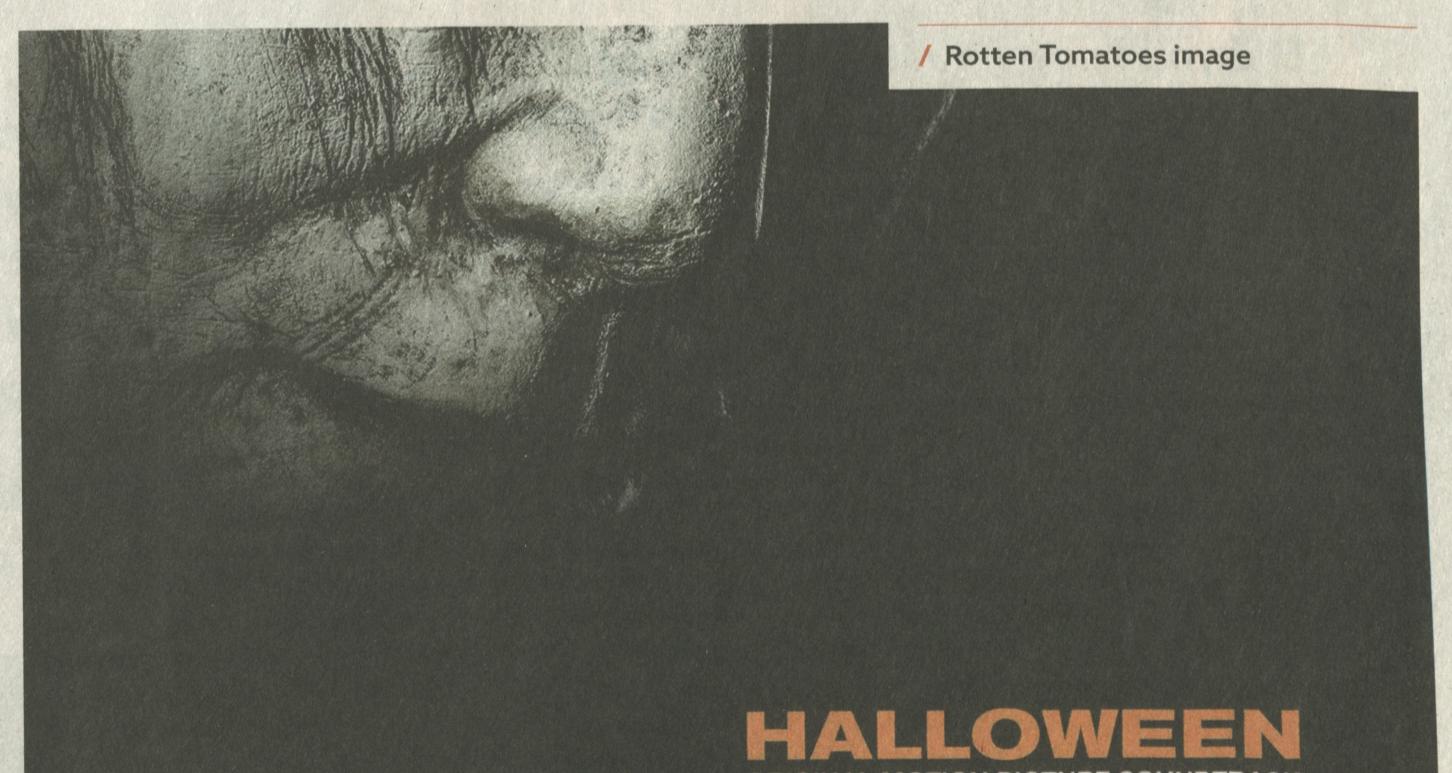
This, like most scary movies, is very predictable. You know who is going to die, but maybe not how they are going to die.

There was little initial buildup of the story. It was already known that Myers was going to eventually find Strode, and the movie just seemed to continue on that very

line. There was not anything that was surprising or new that took place. It was almost as if something big was going to repeat itself into just another remake.

Andrea Thompson, a film critic from Chicago Reader, said, "There are gaping plot holes and characters make idiotic decisions, but watching three generations of women take on Myers—with some great callbacks to the original—was irresistibly satisfying."

"Halloween (2018)" was a mediocre scary movie at best and not worth all the hype. If there is going to be another one, let's just hope it will actually be better than its previous one.



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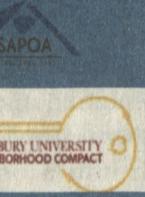
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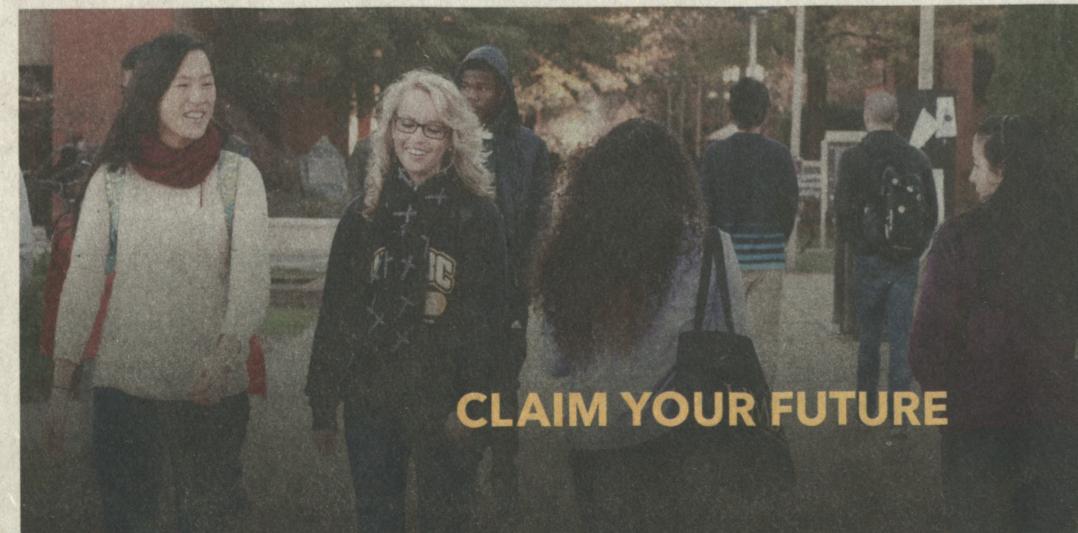
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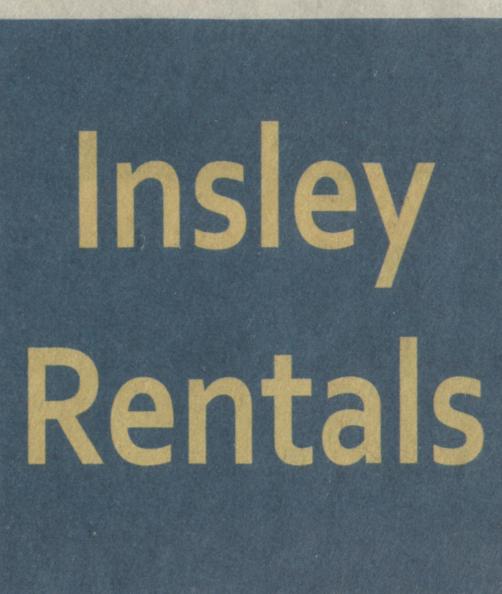
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SU's German Club hosts its 46th annual Oktoberfest



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The smell of sauerkraut filled the air, as swinging polka rhythms of an accordion echoed throughout Salisbury's Campus as German Club held its 46th annual Oktoberfest.

Though the real Oktoberfest, celebrated yearly October 12, had already passed in Germany, the students of SU's German club couldn't help but bring the festivities to the campus Oct. 24.

While Oktoberfest is a 16 to 18-day folk festival in Munich, Bavaria, Germany from mid or late September to the first weekend in October, it is only a one-day event for SU students to relax after the stress of midterm exams, papers and projects.

SU's German club hosted the event to celebrate

The Oktoberfest flag hangs on a tree in front of Fulton Hall to mark a celebration of German culture. / Melissa Reese image

and honor German culture, cuisine and traditions. They served German beer, bratwurst, sauerkraut and pretzels at the event.

The history of Oktoberfest dates back to 1810, where Prince Ludwig of Bavaria threw a party for the common man to celebrate his marriage to Princess Therese of Saxony-Hildburghausen. He soon became King, and the festivities became an annual celebration of his anniversary that continued even after his death.

Traditionally Oktoberfest takes place outside the gates of Munich, and the attractions include everything from costumed dancers, to traditional food and drink, to historic music, and yes, lots of beer.

Here at SU, the German Club hosted games of corn toss, gave out free German food catered by a local company and had booths giving out prizes and

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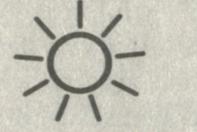
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SU Gospel Choir brings unity

NATHAN VALDES / Staff writer

GOSPEL CHOIR - Salisbury University students and community members filled in the seats of the Holloway Hall Auditorium as they awaited the tunes of various gospel artists from around the U.S. at Salisbury University Gospel Choir's third annual "Coming Home to Jesus" Concert.

The concert concluded the events for SU's Homecoming Week on Sunday, Oct. 14.

Several groups and artists were present to display their musical talents in praise and gospel genres. The lineup of groups included Bruce Murray and The Anointed, University of Maryland Eastern Shore Choir and Madison Copeland, in addition to the SUGC.

The concert kicked off with Bruce Murray and The Anointed, who performed several upbeat songs that moved the crowd to their feet.

Bruce Murray Jr., a South Carolina native, is a local artist who has performed in gospel music all his life, and formed the band in January 2018.

The work that went into this production was "extensive" and "painstakingly long," according to the SUGC Chaplain and Assistant Director Annabelle Midley.

"As a general member, your responsibility is mostly just to learn the songs and show up for rehearsals," Midley said. "As far as being on the e-board, as chaplain and assistant director, teaching the songs, making sure that everything is going the right way spiritually as far as what songs we choose."

When it comes to the decision-making process in reaching out to the other gospel groups, Midley revealed that the homecoming concert often draws the attention of outside artists and they often reach out to Midley to be a part of it.

The UMES Gospel Choir, established for more than 30 years and known for performing with national artists like Kirk Franklin and Hezekiah Walker, was also a huge part of the concert, following up after Bruce Murray & The Anointed.

The SUGC, the host of the concert, was originally started in 1984 as a student ensemble devoted to gospel music for both the Salisbury University campus and the local community.



Well-known gospel singer Bruce Murray belts it out in SU's very own Holloway Auditorium. / Justin Williams image

In 2003, the SUGC Liturgical Dance Ensemble was born under the leadership of Ms. Ashley Clayborne, then president of the SUGC.

The SUGC has performed at many venues and with a number of well-known artists across the East Coast over the years. The choir has performed with nationally recognized artists such as the late Rev. Timothy Wright, Darius Brooks and Douglas Miller, according to the concert's handout.

With all the performances the SUGC has performed, this year was the first year they performed on the stage of the Holloway Hall Auditorium and this was seen as a large improvement compared to previous years.

"It's a bigger venue and, in the Wicomico Room,

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Community awareness of partner violence

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AWARENESS — Every minute in the United States, 20 people are victims of intimate partner violence, according to the National Coalition Against Domestic Violence.

In light of Domestic Violence Awareness Month, the Office of Institutional Equity, Multicultural Student Services and the Salisbury University Women's Forum assembled a panel of women to speak out on the topic of intimate partner violence (IPV).

The overall goal for the panel was to engage the campus community in a conversation about IPV in hopes to raise awareness, discuss prevention and protection and highlight support and resources available to survivors.

Dr. Elsie Walker of SU's English department and chair of the SU Women's Forum began the panel by sharing that her mother was a survivor of domestic abuse. Walker emphasized the importance of listening and participating in a dialogue on domestic violence.

"My mother survived, and I hold her up as an example of triumph, but I also often wonder about the time she spent day by day in those nine years," Walker said. "I can't help wondering if she would have escaped sooner if more people had listened to her."

The panel consisted of representatives from a number of different outlets, including representatives from the Wicomico County State's Attorneys, representatives from the local Life Crisis Center, representatives from the SU Police Department and more.

The first panelist, Eileen Gilheany of the school of social work, put together a visual presentation and talked about the need to make a difference, as well as the advancements we are making as a society to get people involved in the issue at hand.

Gilheany highlighted what she believes to be positive news that the Center for Disease Control thinks that violence should be looked at as a health issue.

When it comes to this concept of involving domestic abuse and IPV into the medical field, professor of nursing at SU Dr. Michele Bracken voiced her research on domestic violence and revealed that she is trying to incorporate aspects of IPV awareness into her teachings.

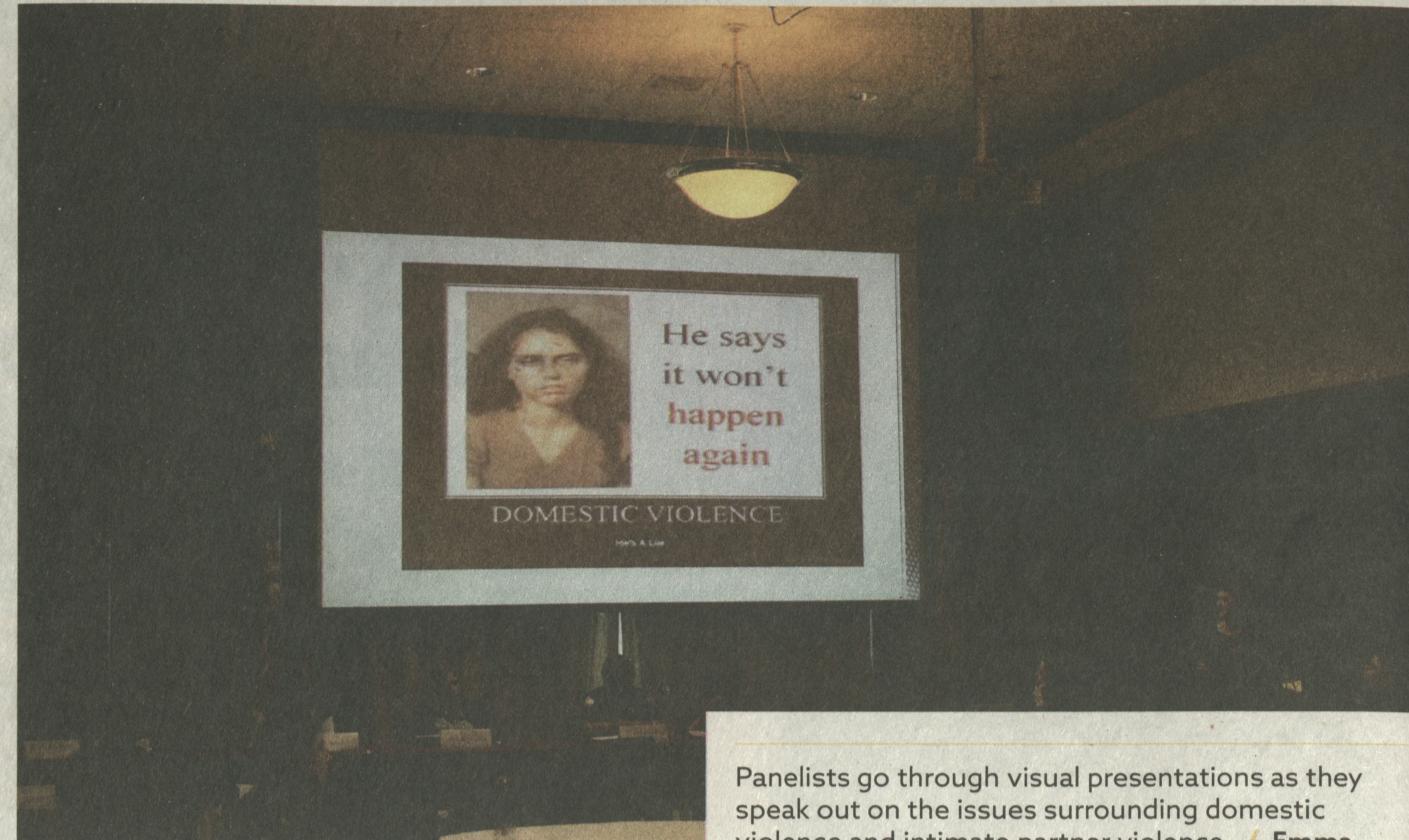
"I think we need to teach our nursing students, from my perspective, to relate better — relate with these human beings because we are all human," Bracken said.

In Bracken's research, she found that the number-one reason for people leaving abusive relationships is fear. Bracken speculated that it is also because of this fear that many do not speak up.

Bracken believes that if medical professionals take this issue more seriously, then patients who are victims of abuse will feel more comfortable in coming forward.

Director of the SU Counseling Center Dr. Kathleen Scott was surprised by the incidents of sexual violence that occur on campus and she aims to help the SU community become more comfortable in talking about the abuse.

"I am frequently shocked and saddened by things that I hear occurring student-on-student, and incidents of gang rape and stalking and needing to keep tabs on people



Panelists go through visual presentations as they speak out on the issues surrounding domestic violence and intimate partner violence. / Emma Reider image

at time ... all of these forms of violence and sexual assault exist among students on this campus," Scott said.

From 2016-2017, SU's counseling center had 566 clients seek the counseling center for its services. 35 percent of those students had experienced some form of abuse or harassment in their lifetime. 22 percent had experienced sexual encounters in their lifetime.

In comparison to these numbers, Lt. Sandra Bradley of the SU Police Department revealed that in the 2016-2017 Annual Report, zero cases of domestic violence were reported and only twelve cases of dating violence were reported, which Bradley believes sheds a light on the apprehensive nature of the victims.

"These are significant numbers. That might not be why they came into the counseling center, but it's part of their history and something that they're living with and it's something that can inadvertently affect other relationships down the road," Scott said. "It's something that we want to pay attention to and steer people in the direction of being able to get the proper assistance and healing."

According to Scott, members at the counseling center are often labeling things for students for the first time, because students don't necessarily see these actions as abuse or assault until they describe the actions aloud.

In working with victims of IPV, Scott revealed several main tactics in which to approach the situation. The first thing Scott emphasized is how critical it is to believe someone when they claim they are a victim.

"It's very difficult for people to acknowledge some of the things that have occurred to them, and so it's critical that we honor that and take them seriously," Scott said.

Another element to take into account when dealing with victims is reassurance. Scott urges people to encourage victims that they are not to blame because that's often what perpetrators want the victim to believe.

A final word of advice from Scott is to have patience with victims. She highlighted the fact that victims often tend to go back to abusers, and it's a pattern and it's part of the dynamic for the victim wanting to believe that all is well.

The audience of the panel consisted of faculty, staff and students, and the remainder of the meeting was left open for any questions that audience members might still

have following the speakers.

Freshman Tenayah Toussaint attended the event out of curiosity and the want to understand such an under-discussed but prominent issue.

"I really think it's important for people to come here because I asked around if people wanted to come, and they feel like because they've never been in a domestic violence relationship that it doesn't affect them," Toussaint said. "But I feel like it's a good thing to understand because you never know if it might happen to you or someone else that you love."

The Executive Director of the Life Crisis Center Abigail Marsh J.D. centered her speech on informing the audience that domestic violence and IPV know no demographics and they happen to people of all ages, socioeconomic statuses, races, ethnicities, sexes and sexual orientations.

Marsh J.D. emphasized that the Life Crisis Center has all of the necessary resources to provide support, including licensed counselors, a legal staff and options of safe shelter.

Marsh J.D. believes that the biggest change we as a society can make in this culture of domestic violence and abuse is to change the community focus.

"Stop focusing on the victim, stop blaming the victim, stop trying to find out why the person isn't leaving. What we need to do is focus on bad behavior, and we need to say, 'Why are you hitting, shaking and doing this controlling behavior to someone that you love?'" Marsh J.D. said.

"Essentially, we've taken the abuser out of the situation. We forgot about the person who did the abuse, and if you don't focus on that, you can't change anything, because what we really want to do is change the bad behavior and make the bad relationship a good relationship."

If you or someone you know is struggling with domestic abuse or intimate partner violence, the following resources are available:

National Domestic Violence Hotline: 1-800-799-SAFE; 24/7 Life Crisis Line: 410-749-HELP; Salisbury Counseling Center: Guerrieri Student Union, Room 263. Open Monday-Friday 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., (410) 543-6070. ▶

and 1924 due to inflation and from 1939 to 1945 during World War II.

Other clubs and students taking German language studies also participate in the annual event and hold their own fundraisers. The event also offered games, such as corn-hole and the lollipop pool.

German Club Vice President Olivia Clinton said this event appeals to wide range of people in the Salisbury community, not just members of the German club. She believes Oktoberfest has a cultural value and significance to the larger Salisbury community.

"A lot of the people in the community really enjoy it," Clinton said, "so it would be a waste not to keep it going."

German Club even had its advisor, Charles Overholz, playing the accordion to celebrate traditional German music. The accordion's basic form is believed to have been invented by Christian Friedrich Ludwig Buschmann in Berlin in 1822.

Clinton said they wanted to incorporate as much German culture as possible into the event. She said Oktoberfest is a fun way to celebrate German culture while also learning about the history of the festival.

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because of the carpeted floor, a lot of our sound as the choir is eaten up and you don't get a lot of the vocals no matter what sound system you use," Midley said. "Versus in Holloway, where the sound is a lot better. It's more of a concert hall setting, rather than chairs set up on the same plain."

While the preparation was extensive, the outcome was described as excellent to those who attended, both gospel music fans and people new to the genre.

Gloria Rodriguez, an international exchange student from Spain, had never heard gospel music before going to the SUGC concert.

"I liked the concert!" Rodriguez said. "It was a new experience for me. It was cool."

When asked about her favorite parts of the concert, Rodriguez immediately stated that the SUGC was her favorite part.

"I really liked the SU Gospel Choir and Madison Copeland," Rodriguez said.

Madison Copeland, a local rising artist with experience a backup vocalist for Dee Daniels and Third Day, was the emcee for the night as well as the closing act.

As a local artist, Copeland has intertwined a contemporary mix of rock, pop, urban, hip-hop and gospel genres in his work.

"I liked the experience ... it was very spiritual, and you could feel what others were saying," Rodriguez said. ▶

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free stuff from local organizations such as The Kiss Project. For those over 21, a beer garden was also available.

German Club President Matt Bernor appreciated the authenticity of the event. As president of the German club, he has gotten the opportunity to see how international German foods have woven their way into American culture and cuisine.

"This is just authentic German food," Bernor said. "In Germany, they love poultry, so we got some bratwurst here...they also traditionally make really great beer—Germans are well known for really good beer, so that's why we got a beer garden over here."

Due to German pride over their beer, only beers brewed within the city limits of Munich are permitted to be served at the Munich Oktoberfest. During the 2013 Munich Oktoberfest, 7.7 million liters of German beer were served.

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Student United Way hosts Halloween 5K dash

MELISSA REESE / Staff writer

CAMPUS — Salisbury University came back from the dead.

Zombies were running—and dancing—at SU's fifth annual Halloween Zombie-Infested 5K Dash and one-mile walk. Although the zombies were not permitted to touch people or intentionally jump out and scare them during the race, they were still lurking around every corner, and they began the event by dancing to Halloween tunes.

United Way of the Lower Eastern Shore works with nonprofit organizations in the Salisbury area, including the Wicomico, Worcester, Somerset and Dorchester counties. The organization is the main source of funding for Salisbury nonprofit organizations, such as Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts, Salvation Army, American Red Cross and Habitat for Humanity.

"We wanted to do a big event for United Way of the Lower Eastern Shore," said Lynch, "and this was the best possible way to get a lot of participation from our community and involved students on campus in order to give back to Salisbury."

Bennett High School student and track and cross-country athlete Yousaf Alnaseri won first place in the zombie-infested 5K race. Samuel Keeler came in second place.

Alnaseri's running time was 16 minutes and 44 seconds. He said he trained with long runs and interval training.

"I came just supporting the fundraiser they were doing here and preparing for a race I have next week," Alnaseri said. "I like the way it turned out—a lot of people showed up."

Alnaseri especially enjoyed seeing the



A local dance company serves as entertainment at the Zombie-Infested 5K Dash. / Melissa Reese image

zombies in their make-up and costumes. He said seeing the zombies during the race kept him motivated and in high spirits while he was running.

"I loved the zombies," Alnaseri said. "I was smiling throughout the whole race."

Senior nursing major Sharon Kerwin said many of her friends in the Senior Nursing Association were dressing up as zombies for the race, so she wanted to join in on the festivities and help out with the event. She said her roommate Haley Trice did her make-up for the event.

Kerwin was excited to see all the costumes at the race as well as scare onlookers with her own costume during the event. She believes the zombie dash went well and that she established a great sense of camaraderie with all her fellow zombies.

"I loved the costumes," Kerwin said. "I think it went really well...It was fun to hang out with all the zombies inside, and then we got to go around and have a zombie setup in the back."

Student United Way's current treasurer

er and fundraiser chair of this event and past president Eleanor Brown said this was her key event of the year. Brown was in charge of securing all the sponsorships and donations for the event, getting the SU logistics planned and bringing awareness to the event to maximize community participation.

Brown, who is also a senior majoring in social work and political science, said when the event started back in 2013, they started out with 10 zombies. This year, 50 zombies were scattered around the course.

She said that while the weather "wasn't the best," she was still impressed with how well the event turned out. Over 100 people registered prior to the event as well as people who registered the day of the event.

Brown loved the costumes and the display of community participation in the event. She thought the zombie race did a wonderful job of bringing people from the community together.

"I thought the costumes were great," Brown said. "The community, the kids are great...a lot of the runners got into the spirit—it's a really great sort of event to have everybody together."

Brown was delighted with the way the city of Salisbury came together for this event. She especially loved seeing the children enjoy themselves by dressing up in Halloween costumes.

"What we wanted to do was we wanted to bridge of the city of Salisbury community and Wicomico County and bring everybody onto SU's campus for a great 5K event," Brown said. "Why not during Halloween have the kids dress up and just have so much fun?" ▶

Members of the NPHC work to preserve tradition

DONOVAN MACK / Staff writer

Salisbury University's National Pan-Hellenic Council hosted their Sixth Annual Step Show in Holloway Hall Oct. 13.

With tickets sold out and a full house filled with students, parents and alumni, the NPHC was able to have a successful event.

This Year, the Nu Rho Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. and the Gamma Kappa Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. won the very intense competition between the fraternities and sororities.

The NPHC, also known as the "Divine Nine," is made up of nine historically African-American fraternities and sororities.

On Salisbury University's campus, there are six NPHC organizations that are currently active that performed in this year's step show. These organizations include Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc., Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc., Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc. and Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc.

Stepping for the African-American community, as well as for fraternity and sorority life, stems from a long tradition within their history. Historically, black fraternities and sororities have their own unique steps and strolls that they do to not only celebrate their organizations, but also to pay homage to those who founded their organizations back in the 1900s.

ESSENCE Magazine reports in an article "More Than Dance: Here Are 8 Things You Need to Know About the Art of Stepping" that "The grand tradition of unity and camaraderie in step has been passed through generations of organizations." The article states that "Greek Sings" evolved into Greek shows which eventually progressed into step shows that remain popular to this day."

For this year's step show at SU, the NPHC executive board voted and decided to have a theme for this year's event.

The NPHC's Vice President and member of the Nu Rho Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Inc. Jada Burge explained why they chose to have a theme this year and the benefits it came with.

"This year's theme was superheroes and supervillains and we wanted to do a theme because it would make it easier for judges to score the performances because there was something to base the performance on," Burge said.

In addition to the theme, Greek organizations are judged on a 90-point scale broken up into nine categories. Each section is worth ten points. The categories were as follows: introduction, transitions, audience response,



Jada Burge, NPHC Vice President and member of the Nu Rho Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. showcases her moves at the Sixth Annual Step Show. / Emmanuel Porquin image

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Sea Gulls aim to take big step behind senior leaders

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SU meets in a huddle during its game against Southern Virginia. Feb. 17. / Emma Reider image

This stretch came after one of the most successful seasons in program history, when Salisbury took home the conference crown and advanced all the way to the National Collegiate Athletic Association quarterfinals in the 2014-15 season. Now entering the 2018-19 campaign, the Sea Gulls will look to claim that elusive conference playoff win with the hope of finding a similar stride to 2015.

A glance at the team's roster this season already suggests that a change is in the air for the squad. SU features many new freshmen on this season's team after the departure of three seniors a season ago.

Despite the youth on the squad, Salisbury still possesses four seniors who see a new positive vibe and energy among the team ahead of the season.

"I think it's really exciting," SU senior forward Kaylyn French said. "They all came in here ready to go. They practically know everything, so we're ready to just kick off the season."

SU head coach Kelly Baskow said that increased competition in practice is fostering more positive energy all around.

"It's been fun to have some fresh blood," Baskow said. "I think there's been a lot of competition, so that's really made it fun for the players, fun for the coaches, really pushing each other. We're really focusing on enthusiasm and intensity and aggressiveness."

Among those four seniors coming back, the Sea

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An SU captain inspires his team off the court this season

CHRIS MACKOWIAK / Sports editor



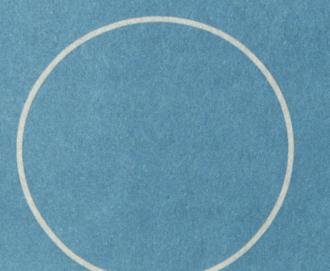
FEATURED THIS PRINT: Salisbury field hockey celebrates their 2018 CAC Championship. / Brendan Stark image



Ferguson attempts a three-pointer last season. / Emma Reider image

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ing." Kumor said. "It was a lot to kind of take in. It was almost like we were avoiding what was happening. We wouldn't really talk about it. Then, it got to the point where we had both kind of accepted what was going on and decided that we were both going to need each other through this."

Those trips back and forth over the summers turned into trips for Kumor up to Ottawa to visit Ferguson as he received treatment away from school. The two continued their daily friendships of sharing funny Family Guy videos, video chatting and texting.

"Things really haven't changed," Kumor said. "I think it's important. He's well aware that I'm here for him every step of the way. I'd hop on a plane tomorrow if he needed me to go back up there."

"At first when Jack was diagnosed, it was shock-

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Sea Gulls look to move past off-court storylines

NICK LEWIS / Staff writer

MEN'S BASKETBALL — Moving past a turbulent offseason, the Salisbury University men's basketball program will look to continue the winning culture established over the past five seasons. Former SU head coaches Josh Merkel and Andrew Sachs have upheld this level of success, and interim head coach Brian McDermott will strive to do the same.

Last season, the Sea Gulls did not reach the National Collegiate Athletic Association tournament for the first time since the 2014-2015 campaign. However, they reached the Capital Athletic Conference semifinals and finished third in the conference with an 18-9 overall record.

With a talented sophomore class this year along with strong senior leadership, they will look to build on their experiences from last season in order to return to the CAC championship.

Offseason Changes

The distractions off the court have been central storylines for the Sea Gulls since the end of last season. Foremost, the Salisbury players found out that they would be without their head coach for this season and the foreseeable future.

After leading the program to three winning seasons, it was announced by SU Athletics on Oct. 2 that Andrew Sachs went on an indefinite leave of absence. On Oct. 25, SU Athletics added on that Sachs would not return to his former role.

Still with mystery surrounding the reasons behind the move, then-SU assistant coach Brian McDermott was suddenly in the spotlight. McDermott immediately took over the program as the interim coach for this season.

With their first game of the year quickly approaching on Nov. 10, McDermott has had to adjust quickly to his new position. However, established relationships with players and other staff members from his time last season as a voluntary assistant coach have helped to ease the transition.

"I've adjusted really well," McDermott said. "I'm fortunate to have a lot of knowledgeable people around me, people that have been successful already before me and have been here a long time."

McDermott takes over a team with a few new faces on the court alongside key departures from last season's CAC semifinalists. Four players will not return to the team this season, including forward Chad Barcikowski and guards Alex McNaughton, Al Leder and Jordan Brooks.

Most notable among these departures is standout scorer Barcikowski, who led Salisbury in points, steals and minutes played per game last season. He capped off his senior year by claiming First Team All-CAC honors.

As a three-point specialist throughout his career, Barcikowski knocked down 162 three-point field goals, seventh all-time in program history. His 37.1 three-point



The Sea Gulls defend the paint from Southern Virginia last season, Feb. 17. / Emma Reider image

percentage also ranks tenth in program history. Outside of Barcikowski, Salisbury also loses considerable guard depth due to the departure of Leder and graduation of Brooks. After becoming a consistent starter during his freshman season, Leder's playing time waned during last season, as he is offering more support off the bench.

Brooks was one of the remaining veterans from Salisbury's last CAC title in 2015. Brooks finished his career in the maroon and gold with 90 appearances and 12 starts.

Due to unforeseen circumstances, SU will also be without a key winger in senior Jack Ferguson. The three-point specialist was slated to see potential starting time on the court until he received a cancer diagnosis this summer, which has forced him to return home for treatment.

Players to Watch

McDermott will have a strong group of seniors to lean on as he grows accustomed to his new role. One of these seniors is point guard and All-CAC Second Teamer Blair Davis.

With a talented group of freshman guards around him last season, the Lincoln University (Pa.) transfer developed into a leader for the group as the starting point guard of the team. Davis finished just behind Barcikowski for second on the team in scoring with 10.3 points per game.

"I can talk about every single individual on the team, but really, everyone's going to have a role, and for us to be successful, everyone's gotta know what that is and play well," McDermott said.

Despite some departures and off-the-court distractions, McDermott has no shortage in expectations of his team this season.

"Our goals haven't changed. We're a great ship headed in the right direction," McDermott said.

Like his predecessor, McDermott sees

accomplished, and the guys seem to follow. His work ethic is impeccable."

One of the talented freshmen that joined Davis on the floor last season was guard Johnny Fierstein. Fierstein came on strong as a freshman last season, ranking fifth on the team in points, third on the team in steals and ultimately pushing his way into the starting lineup.

Starting the final 18 games of the season, Fierstein played a major role in turning around the Sea Gulls after a tough 5-4 start to last season. Over his starting stretch, Salisbury averaged 2.3 more assists per game as a team.

Starting in all 27 games last season, senior forward Chase Kumor returns as the captain of the Sea Gulls on and off the floor.

"He's a coach's delight," McDermott said. "He does all the right things ... I expect big things out of him this year."

Kumor and Davis are part of a senior group that will hope to offer some stability to the team and program during this transition. For McDermott, the success of the team will not come down to one player, but the cohesiveness of the group.

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any season without an NCAA tournament berth as an unsuccessful one. A crucial step for the Sea Gulls to return to the tournament this year is the development of their sophomore class, which also includes guards Gary Briddell and Mike Ward.

With Barcikowski gone, these three players will be looked to in order to garner more production and lead the program back to the successes it has seen before.

Looking Forward

Salisbury will have a chance to quiet many of the off-the-court issues early in the season. It opens the year at home against Arcadia on Nov. 10 before hosting two home games as part of the Salisbury Optimist International Tournament the following weekend.

The team's first opponent in this tournament will be Lancaster Bible College, a team that finished with a 23-6 record last season. It will then play either Johns Hopkins or DeSales, depending on the winner of the day-one matchup. Johns Hopkins is a familiar sight for Salisbury, as they have played many times, and DeSales finished with a 20-7 record last season.

Having success against these teams to start the year could set the table for a successful season for the Sea Gulls as McDermott looks to uphold the winning culture that has been established over the last five seasons.

"I think that fans can really start to embrace an atmosphere of success ... and when it comes to the student body, I hope they're ready for an exciting year of basketball," McDermott said.



Kumor guards against CNU last season. / Megan Findle image

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Gulls return two very productive players in guard Megan Konig and French. Both players return as the team's leading scorers from a season ago.

French became a threat offensively last season, adding onto her defensive effort inside the paint in which she led the team in rebounding and steals per game. With a team-leading 11.4 points per game too, French was named to the All-CAC Second Team at the end of the season.

"The more I looked to score and the more it would go in the more I felt comfortable with it," French said. "It just started coming."

Last season was Konig's first season with starting experience over her career in the maroon and gold. With 12 starts in the first 13 games, Konig hit double-figures in scoring nine times.

However, in the final 12 games that she played last season, the Salisbury guard did not find double-digit scoring again. Her production was still enough to finish

with a 20-7 record last season.

With the departure of forward Paige Bryce, SU does lose some depth in the paint with her 6.9 points and 4.9 rebounds per game. French and junior forward Rachel Ryan do return as the specialists inside.

Ryan utilized her 19 starts in 26 ap-

pearances last season to grow on the court.

up well for success as a senior this year. "My confidence on offense definitely showed more last year," Konig said. "I feel like that came from developing my defense. Having confidence on both sides really helps."

At 1.8 assists per game a season ago, Konig might be a key to aiding in offensive production this season with offensive creators Mary McDonagh and Morgan Grubb now gone from the team. The Ellwood City, Md., native had 11 multi-assist games last season. For Konig, finding that elusive playoff victory means everyone going the extra mile.

"Pushing through setbacks when you get tired, every day we come in and our mentality is, 'We are champions,'" Konig said. "There's no getting tired or missing a play. You're in every single play doing everything you can."

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That defensive aspect of the game and rebounding inside will continue to be a big part of the Sea Gulls' strategy. While SU was not flashy on the offensive end, the team put up impressive numbers on the

defensive end last season.

Salisbury registered as second in the CAC in points per game allowed. Aiding that mark was its shooting defense, which finished second in percentage beyond the arc and first against all field goals.

Leading that defense and the team at its core will be this senior class. Baskow said that a focus this off-season has been on leadership in multiple capacities with the veteran group.

"What it takes to win a championship, what it takes to go a little further, push a little harder, how to expect it out of each other, not to be comfortable," Baskow said. "I think they have really accepted the challenge very well. They've not only challenged their teammates, but themselves."

Salisbury begins its season on Nov. 14 when the Sea Gulls host Virginia Wesleyan University. SU will then take a trip to the Gwynedd Mercy Tournament for two games before returning home to host Stevenson University on Nov. 20.

"Our phrase this year is 'Together we can,'" French said. "As long as we remember that we're in this together, I think that's what will get us through the whole season."

The divide grows between Sachs and SU

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Sachs look out across the court ahead of a game vs. York (Pa.) two seasons ago. / Amy Wojtowicz image

MEN'S BASKETBALL — Just a month after an indefinite leave of absence rocked the Salisbury University men's basketball team, details continue to come forward surrounding former head coach Andrew Sachs' departure.

After staying silent since appointing Brian McDermott as interim head coach on Oct. 2, SU Athletics published a press release confirming the rumors around campus. Sachs would not be returning to coach at SU.

The statement, which came on Oct. 25, explained that Sachs' decision to not return came following an agreement with SU officials.

The permanence of the departure has been one of multiple rumors circling Maggs Physical Activities Center, as many students and athletes alike wondered what led to this sudden announcement in the first place. At the forefront of the rumor mill was talk of National Collegiate Athletic Association rules violations.

Those rumors as well would be substantiated by Sachs breaking his month-long silence that same day with a written statement of his own to a Delmarvanow.com sports reporter.

"We had a couple of recruits take two visits to campus during the year and they mistakenly received their \$11 meal tickets for their family twice," the statement said. "So I got a call from our AD and asked if what I wrote down was true and I said yes ... He said it was another violation."

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Through another written statement from Sachs to Delmarvanow, the complete details of one side of the story have come to light, three pages full of details that sum up for Sachs what culminated in his exit.

Throughout the statement, it is explained that during his three-year tenure at SU before this season, Sachs com-

mitted two secondary violations through the NCAA, the first of which came in March of 2016.

"We had Lucas Martin on campus and we put 'pick up with players' on his itinerary. My 7 year old son was in my office for over an hour, so we went into the gym to shoot on the side," the statement read. "The players started to play and our AD walked in."

Martin, now a junior forward on the SU squad, was a senior in high school at the time visiting the campus.

Following the infraction, Sachs' statement explains that he had to watch an NCAA video, and in the future, send all recruit itineraries to Associate Athletic Director Dr. Dawn Chamberlin.

The statement continues on with an explanation of the second violation that centered around meal tickets for recruits during the year. As a rule, recruits are given one meal ticket on unofficial visits and then another along with parents on their official visits.

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meals ticket per recruit for the year, and that all meal tickets would come through Chamberlin.

That decision played a hand later on as Sachs found himself combating officials again with claims of meal ticket violations.

As he was away from his office while receiving surgery, an envelope with meal tickets was placed on his desk. Upon returning, he found the envelope and was told none of his assistants put it there.

Sachs explains through the statement that at this point in time, the situation surrounding former Sea Gull forward Jack Ferguson began to unfold, which took up a large portion of his time and focus.

Through doctor's visits, tests and Ferguson returning to Canada, there were still recruits planning to visit campus as school began.

"All of their itineraries were emailed to Dawn Chamberlin and nothing was said about the meal tickets not being in her possession. A week before our team camp ... I was summoned to the AD's office and asked why the meal tickets weren't in Dawn's possession," the statement said.

Sachs also explained that along with a major focus being on Ferguson's well-being, he also had his family to take care of while his wife worked multiple jobs along with getting his players settled in with classes and the semester.

Through all the commotion, Sachs told DiBartolo and Chamberlin that he had not thought about it and that she could get them from his office, telling them he used one ticket per recruit like he was told to do. His statement repeats multiple times that there were five total meal tickets used.

"They had the 5 itineraries that had been already sent to Dawn before each recruit visited, she never said a word about not having the tickets in her possession for 3 weeks and we had 5 names on the meal ticket list," the statement said.

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While the two Sea Gulls are in constant contact with each other despite the current situation, Kumor said that it is definitely a little weird not having Ferguson around, considering the amount of time they spent together over the last few seasons. That includes basketball practice this season.

Ferguson is coming off his top season in the maroon and gold, in which he made 24 appearances alongside one start. He tallied seven games in which he scored at least two three-pointers last season. Former SU graduate assistant coach Daniel Eacho saw Ferguson as a key asset off the bench last season.

"He helped us win a lot of games last year," Eacho said. "If we were struggling on offense, we put him in, and he banked some big shots for us. I told him that."

Conference center adjusted to his new environment.

"What I really enjoyed about Jack was his poise in practice and both on the court and off the court, because I knew he had big plans after basketball, too."

Eacho said that he remembers the amount of work he saw Ferguson putting in just this past summer to prepare for practice and the eventual season ahead, visiting Maggs Physical Activities Center often to work out.

Leading by example is the way both Eacho and Kumor describe Ferguson, whether on the court or off of it. They both cite the great work Ferguson has done in the classroom as well, with Kumor suggesting that Ferguson is eager to keep his 4.0 GPA when he returns to the classroom following treatment.

"They saw the level of passion of the eight returning guys around Jack," Kumor said. "They've really rallied on. They've seen through us how much Jack meant to us, and they've just latched on 100 percent."

The support of Ferguson has already taken form in a three-on-three basketball tournament to fundraise money earlier this fall to help cover health expenses and raise awareness. As the SU men's basketball team continues to face its challenges in the season ahead, Ferguson will remain as an inspiration to the group whether he is visiting Salisbury or away receiving

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Sachs explains that Chamberlin and DiBartolo claimed that he said there was only one meal ticket used, leaving four additional unused tickets. Sachs' statement is adamant that five tickets were used, and the department had full knowledge due to the five recruit itineraries that were listed.

These two minor violations that are outlined by Sachs led up to what seems to be the final straw for the athletic department, according to his statement.

The planning for a team camp began last May by the assistant coaches after they had met to discuss future fundraising tactics. Sachs' statement said that each assistant was responsible for getting teams to attend and other logistics, while Sachs' only involvement was ordering chairs for the camp and securing officials.

Come Sept. 23, teams had come and paid \$275 each to partake in the camp that Sachs' explains was run by his players, included trainers and officials and was all-around "a good time." Payment was made either by cash or checks made payable directly to Sachs.

The following day, Sachs received a phone call from DiBartolo asking about the camp and stating he had no prior knowledge of it and did not approve it. After asking for details and who worked the camp, Sachs admits that he knew he had made a mistake.

With a meeting set up for the next day, Sachs contacted officials at conference services and the NCAA to explain he did not have a limited liability company set up and to ask whether or not there were any violations made.

He relayed to DiBartolo and Chamberlin that the NCAA official he spoke with did not believe that there were any violations committed.

"They did not like that because they deal with enforcement. I was told I also broke some procedural rules and I needed to send them all the information I had," the statement read.

In an attempt to remedy the situation, Sachs set up an LLC in order to pay his as-

sistant coaches.

But during their meeting on Sept. 25, the statement explains that Sachs was asked to sign a statement acknowledging he lied about the meal tickets, as well as agreeing that one more violation would serve as his third strike and he would be fired. Sachs refused to sign it.

"They already knew I had the team camp on [Sept. 23], procedural mistakes were made, so they were well aware that 'Strike 3' had already occurred," the statement said. "In the letter there was no mention of the team camp. This is obvious entrapment."

While Sachs continues to contest the meal ticket violation, he admits that mistakes were made with the camp. In this agreement, though, he would not admit to lying about the meals and also not knowingly get himself fired when all three strikes had already been added up.

On Sept. 26, one day after his meeting with DiBartolo and Chamberlin, Sachs left on a recruiting trip. By the time he returned on Oct. 1, he was called into human resources and presented with the option of resigning and receiving a three-month payout including benefits or being fired.

"There is no doubt I made a few mistakes with the camp, but I was completely surprised by the severity of the consequences. An interim coach was named the next day with a press conference the day following that," the statement said.

Sachs explains through the statement that after weeks of contemplating his next step, due to his status as an at-will employee with SU, there was not much ground to fight the decision in front of him. He would sign the resignation while stipulating that a public statement must be mutually agreed upon.

The statement previously cited, made by SU Athletics on Oct. 25, was not mutually agreed upon, according to Sachs' statement.

"Much to my surprise, a statement was released without my consent 15 minutes after taking the signed document to HR," the statement said.

The press release surprised more than Sachs, as many of his former players still on the team took to social media to voice

their displeasure.

Freshman Mike Parker, sophomores Johnny Fierstein and Gary Briddell, junior Lucas Martin and seniors Blair Davis, Chase Kumor and Marquis Roberson all responded to the announcement.

"Apparently, [SU Athletics] does not care about their student athletes at all. I hope this horrendous decision blows up in their face," Kumor tweeted shortly after the decision came out.

Briddell and Martin both commented on the fact that the press release tweeted out by the athletic department was how players found out Sachs would not be returning. Both players voiced displeasure with it, Martin going as far as saying it is proof that SU does not care much for its student athletes.

Roberson and Davis responded by claiming the statement was all a lie from the school, while freshman Parker explained how it was a culmination of indifference toward student-athletes and their teams as a whole.

Through all the chatter, Fierstein seemed to sum up his team's thoughts with one simple sentiment, quote tweeting the press release.

"What a joke."

While the statement provides a large amount of much-needed clarity from Sachs' point of view of the situation, it also ends leaving another cliffhanger with questions to surely follow.

The involvement of the athletic department has been clear, but further uni-

versity involvement had been unmentioned.

"We had seven days to rescind the offer and I was hoping during the seven days, [President Wight] would step in and make a decision like he told me, the players and the parents he would do," Sachs' statement said.

There had been no details surrounding it, but players and parents did meet with SU President Charles Wight regarding the decision. And according to this claim by Sachs, more than one party thought this decision could be reversed, thus adding more drama to the decision that has captured the attention of SU as the basketball season approaches, and making it even more bitter of a pill to swallow.

"With all that is going on in college athletics, they come to this decision which has ripped apart the men's basketball program and devastated my family who love being and having my players as part of our family," Sachs said. "Unfortunately it is with a heavy heart that I leave the university, my program and my team."

But with their season-opener closing in, the Gulls will press forward without Sachs as they try to maintain focus through what has been a tumultuous month. ●

The Sea Gulls huddle together during the CAC First Round last season. / Emma Redier image



Under the Feathers

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EXCLUSIVE – With practices under way for over two weeks now, the Salisbury University women's basketball team is preparing each day for its season-opener coming up on Nov. 14 against Virginia Wesleyan.

While SU does feature many new faces this season, the Sea Gulls do return four seniors among other veteran players looking to gain their first conference playoff victory since the program's last CAC title in the 2014-15 season.

One veteran presence the Sea Gulls will lean on this season is All-CAC second team forward Kaylyn French, who returns to the paint for Salisbury. French has continually improved her numbers with each season in the maroon and gold, leading the Sea Gulls with 11.4 points per game and 7.5 rebounds per game last year.

Additionally, French has showcased the defensive side of her game at times, leading the team with 2.6 steals per game, 5.1 defensive rebounds per game and 1.0 block per game.

Ahead of the start of this season, the Silver Spring, Md. native went "under the feathers" with The Flyer.

What are your majors/minors and career aspirations?

I am a psychology major with a sociology minor. My career aspirations are undecided at this time, but as of now, I plan to get my master's in social work.

What made you want to come and play at Salisbury?

I liked the campus and the academic programs offered here.

What has been your favorite moment as part of SU women's basketball while here at Salisbury, and why?

The tournaments that we play in every winter break. It's exciting to be able to travel to different states to play people outside of our area. It's also a good experience. My favorite trip has to be from my freshman year. We went to Florida to play, and after the tournament, we went to Disney World.

What do you feel has been the greatest improvement in your game over your career, and why?

Becoming more of an offensive threat. Defense has always come naturally to me, so when I came here as a freshman, it was easy for me to be confident and proud of my defense. However, offense didn't come as easily to me,

WBK's Kaylyn French

so I had to work harder to notice when and where my best play would come from. Coach [Baskow] telling me to look at the basket more helped me a lot, and wanting to be the best in my position made me step out of my comfort zone.

After being named an all-conference player, what have you been working on the most this offseason?

Keeping the same mentality and intensity. Not letting up.

What do you enjoy the most about your position on the court, and why?

The versatility. I have the ability to play from the three-point line into the paint. I can drive, shoot or post up. The freedom of my position is my favorite part because I have a lot of room to do what I want offensively.

What is your favorite part of Salisbury University Athletics or your team environment here at SU?

This year, the positive vibes and good energy are my



French waits for a free throw to be taken against Southern Virginia last season. Feb. 17. / Emma Redier image

favorite part. My teammates and I all want to be here, and we all enjoy each other's company. Whenever we all get together, it's just a lot of fun. We may get mad during practice, but we can't stay mad at each other forever.

As you enter your final season, does anything change for you mentally in terms of being a senior?

I just want to go out with a bang. I want this season to be our best season yet. To make that goal achievable, I want to make sure that the younger girls are adjusting well and that all of their voices are being heard. I'm also focused on doing the best I can to make the younger girls better so that when my class is not here next year, they will all still feel confident.

What are your feelings about the squad as you move deeper into practice time?

I'm excited to see where this season takes us. I've never felt more confident about a team other than this one. These girls make me prouder and prouder every day. We had a rough start to our preseason with four girls being out, but we've made the necessary adjustments and we've been getting better and better every day. I can't wait to start games!

What is your favorite part of campus life at Salisbury, and why?

The clubs I'm involved in. Obviously, I have friends and a circle from being a part of the basketball team, but clubs like ASA, BSU, NAACP and many others have created a whole different community for me to be a part of. All of those people that I meet at those meetings are wonderful people, and I'm happy to have met them. It's nice to have other people to go to that are outside of the team.

What are your hobbies and interests off the field?

When I'm not in the gym, I don't really do anything other than school-related things, watch Netflix or hang out with friends.

Where is your favorite place to go for a meal or snack on or off campus? Favorite food?

Cool Beans is my favorite place on campus. Tortellini is hands-down my favorite type of food.

What music do you listen to in order to get ready for game time, or what do you like to generally listen to?

Before games, I like to listen to hip-hop and pop music. Anything I can sing or dance to really gets me going for a game. ●